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Hoteliers want govt to either cancel trade licence or make it permanent instead of making them go through process each year

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Huge quantity of excavated soil generated during construction of big commercial and residential complexes is then used by builders to fill low-lying areas altering natural terrain of city

SUNK COST

Clearance given to projects that promise to use soil within site, but no checks to confirm this

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Bengaluru has been experiencing continuous downpours for the last few days. Many localities in the city have received moderate to heavy rainfall, leading to waterlogged streets and basements of tech parks, shopping malls, and residential apartment complexes.

One such area is the 300-acre Manyata Tech Park. Videos of water-filled roads of the tech village are making rounds on social media sites. One of the videos from the campus, which strikes as a waterfall (water cascading down a wall into an under-construction site), has left many puzzled.

The footage has once again shifted the focus to inadequate development activities across the city.

UNDER THE WEATHER
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Filler effect

Experts say the biggest culprit unnoticed is the humongous quantity of excavated soil generated during the construction of big commercial and residential complexes, which is then used by builders to fill low-lying areas. This alters the natural terrain of the city and leads to bizarre situations such as the one

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> **"The amount of soil excavated to create multi-level parking systems in residential apartments, tech parks, and other similar structures is humungous and practically impossible to utilise within project sites**
>
> — C&D waste management expert

Boulevard of broken dreams

Broken slab in Annaswamy Mudaliar Road recently white-topped under Smart City project makes one wonder about quality of work

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Annaswamy Mudaliar Road is the lifeline for many motorists to reach important localities, including Commercial Street and MG Road, in the Central Business District (CBD) area in the city. Bengaluru Smart City Limited has developed Annaswamy Mudaliar Road, spending crores of rupees a few years ago.

But the road has become a danger zone for motorists, thanks to the sub-standard material used for its construction and shoddy work on the footpaths. One of the concrete slabs on the culvert of this road that was constructed just a few years ago is shattered.

The bad-quality work on this road was evident when the LED lights went bust due to sub-standard electric cable that got burnt. The residents had to run pillar to post to ensure the street lights function. Bangalore Mirror had written about this and soon the BBMP officials restored the street lights.

But the situation of the road is a killer of joy for them. "It is shocking to see one of the concrete slabs covering the culvert on the road is broken. It has become a dangerous spot for motorists.

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Mythical tale

As part of the Ranga Shankara Theatre Festival 2024, watch 'Hayavadana,' a captivating exploration of myth and human emotion. The play begins with Hayavadana, a being who is part man, part horse, seeking to become whole with the help of the goddess Kali. The play concludes with Hayavadana, now a complete horse, seeking to rid himself of his remaining human trait—his voice—achieved through the laughter of Padmini's child. Witness this enchanting tale of love, identity, and transformation. **Where: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar; When: October 17, 7:30 pm**

02 Abstract art exhibit

Explore abstract art through 'Chromatic Rhythms,' a solo exhibition of paintings by renowned abstract artist Prabhakar Kolte. For the first time in Bengaluru, Kolte brings his mesmerising abstract works to the city, offering art enthusiasts a unique opportunity to experience the poetic visual language that has made him one of India's leading contemporary artists. His abstract works reveal a deep sense of contemplation, likened to gazing through a window that frames the infinite meditations of nature. **Where: Gallery G, 38 Lavelle Road When: October 20 to November 22, 10 am to 6 pm**

03 Arts festival

Join in for the 17th Bengaluru International Arts Festival (BIAF) 2024, an event celebrating harmony through the arts. This year's BIAF will feature two grand productions: Manyam Veerudu Alluri Sitarama Raju, choreographed by the renowned dance exponent and Padma Shri awardee, Dr Ananda Shankar Jayant, and ManaH, a dance drama choreographed by Bengaluru's own Bharatanatyam dancer, Mithun Shyam, recipient of the SNA Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar. The BIAF has always been a vibrant platform for showcasing diverse artistic talents. **Where: Chowdiah Memorial Hall, Bengaluru When: October 20, 6:15 pm**

Cancel trade licence: Hoteliers demand changes in renewals

Bangalore Hotels Association suggests govt collect one-time payment for permanent trade license instead of asking hoteliers to renew it every year

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Bangalore Hotels Association (BHA) has demanded the state government cancel or make changes to the norm of trade licence for hoteliers, as they already have a licence from the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) and have been paying the professional tax regularly.

BHA president Subramanya Holla S said that the hoteliers have been appealing to the authorities either to cancel the trade licence or make it permanent instead of asking them to renew the trade licence every year. "...This practice not only encourages officials to indulge in corruption but is also a waste of time and money for the hoteliers," he said.

He said the government should instead collect payment on a one-time basis for issuing trade licences to hoteliers, like how the transport department collects road tax from vehicle owners. "We are ready to make a one-time payment for the permanent trade licence and it can be cancelled at any time if found violating the norms. Let the government collect the trade licence fees for five or 10 years at one time instead of insisting the hoteliers apply for its renewal every year," said Holla.

'24/7 open hours would help hoteliers'

Expressing a similar opinion, BHA honorary president PC Rao said that it would help hoteliers in the Central Business District (CBD) area if the government allowed opening eateries round the clock. "It will help hoteliers avoid wastage of food and also provide job opportunities. I know that it is not viable for all hotels to remain open round the clock. For example, a hotelier has to have permission to open the hotel at 5 am. As of now, the hotels have to be open at 6 am," said Rao.

It may be recalled that the State Labour Department issued a circular recently allowing shops and commercial establishments to open round the clock for three years across the state. The decision was welcomed by many, but a few people opined that it would not be possible to keep shops and commercial establishments open round the clock due to security and safety reasons.

He said the police department has failed to provide security for shops, hotels, and commercial establishments. "We are planning to meet the Bengaluru Commissioner of Police seeking protection for hotels and commercial establishments in the city," he said. Rao further said that the government has hiked the factory licence fee by more than 100 percent. "We oppose this hike. It will affect those who maintain canteens at factories and own sweet shops," he added.

"Let govt collect trade licence fees for 5 or 10 years at one time instead of insisting hoteliers apply for its renewal every year
–Subramanya Holla, BHA president

'Opening hotels and eateries round the clock in the Central Business District (CBD) would help hoteliers avoid wastage of food and also provide job opportunities'

Govt has powers to appoint Group A officers for BBMP: HC

The High Court of Karnataka upheld the validity of Rule 4(a) of the BBMP (General Cadre and Recruitment of Officers and Employees) Rules, 2018, which grants the Karnataka government the authority to appoint Group A officers to the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and other similar urban local bodies.

Justice Sachin Shankar Magadum dismissed a petition filed by the BBMP Officers and Employees' Welfare Association, which had challenged the legality of Rule 4(a). The Court rejected the association's argument that only the BBMP's Chief Commissioner has the power to make appointments to these posts.

The Court on Wednesday stated, "The State's reserved power to appoint Group A officers under Rule 4(a) is a constitutional safeguard that ensures efficiency, competency, and alignment with broader State policies. Judicial precedents have reinforced the State's supervisory role over local bodies, ensuring that strategic, merit-based, and non-partisan appointments are made to these senior positions." It further emphasised that this power maintains the necessary balance between local governance autonomy and State control for effective and uniform public administration.

HC dismisses BBMP employees' association petition on group A officer appointments that challenged the legality of BBMP Rule 4(a)

The High Court referred to Supreme Court judgements on State government's control over local bodies, stating that strategic oversight by the State government is essential for maintaining consistency in governance and development policies. The Court observed, "The State's control over these appointments is essential for the coordination of state-wide development policies, especially in a city like Bengaluru, where urban development and governance are crucial to the State's economic growth."

State control crucial to protect from political interference, says High Court

The Court also highlighted that State control over Group A appointments is crucial to protect these positions from local political interference. The direct involvement of the State government ensures that appointments are based on objective criteria rather than local political dynamics, which may skew recruitment for short-term political gains. **— BMB**

All that glitters... Pawn shop owner loses ₹5.9L to fake gold con

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As incidents of cheating and theft have risen, many gold shop owners have taken steps to safeguard themselves, requiring customers to provide phone numbers and Aadhaar Card copies for verification. However, yet again, with a new tactic, a conman made away with Rs 5.9 lakh after trading counterfeit gold with a pawn store owner in Vasanth Nagar.

According to the complainant, the accused, identified as Mohan and Uday, visited their shop 'Mahaveer Bankers' owned by his father Dhanpat Raj (70) in Vasanth Nagar multiple times between August 15 and 19. Each time they visited, they presented what appeared to be 916 KDM Hallmark gold, used it as collateral, and took money totalling up to Rs 5.9 lakh.

Fake contact & identity card

Raj was initially unaware of the deception. However, a few days later, he realised the gold was fake. While attempting to reach the conman, he found that the contact number provided was invalid. Upon further investigation by the police, it was found that the Aadhar card submitted by the accused was also fake. "The accused are currently absconding, and we are actively investigating the matter," stated the police.

Documents alone cannot be trusted

The incident serves as a warning for other gold traders and small business owners, emphasising the need for more stringent verification processes. Cases like these with elaborate schemes involving falsified documents and counterfeit goods not only raise concerns for gold shop owners but also underscore the sophistication with which conmen' are operating.

As shop owners consider adopting advanced tools like real-time identity verification and professional appraisers, they also call for stricter penalties for such crimes. As conmen continue to evolve their tactics, business owners must remain vigilant and explore additional measures to safeguard their livelihoods.

CRIME FILES

Man tries to grab CISF official's rifle at airport

A 35-year-old man was arrested by airport security for attempting to grab a rifle of security personnel during a fight over a minor issue at the arrival point of Terminal- 2 on Monday.

The accused has been identified as Vikram Ramdas, a resident of Kasturi Nagar.

According to the police, the incident occurred around 7:30 pm after Ramdas arrived at the Bengaluru airport on a domestic flight from Hyderabad. The fight broke after the accused took a luggage bag of another passenger and when the luggage owner noticed and objected to it. The CISF staff, who was on duty, intervened, but the accused charged at him trying to snatch his rifle. This was immediately altered to the control room by the CISF official.

The quick response team (QRT) arrived at the spot and handed over Ramdas to the Kempegowda International Airport after detaining and questioning him. The accused is charged with section 132 of BNS and further investigation is underway.

MDMA bust: 8 gm seized, accused arrested

The SR Nagar police arrested a man for selling illegal substances after they received a tip off recently. The police seized 8 grams of MDMA worth 32,000. The accused had been under surveillance due to suspicious activities reported in the area.

The accused was found selling these illegal substances in RRMR road, nearby a footpath opposite to the Sampangi lakh gate. Further investigations are underway to trace the origins of the seized MDMA.

BM Education

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UGC starts apprenticeship embedded degree courses

The University Grants Commission (UGC) is introducing the Apprenticeship Embedded Degree Programme (AEDP) to improve the employability of undergraduate students by integrating practical industry training with academic learning. A draft of the program's guidelines has been prepared and was discussed in the UGC's October 3 meeting. These guidelines will soon be available for public consultation on the UGC website, inviting feedback from stakeholders.

According to the draft guidelines, AEDP aims to enhance students' employability by blending apprenticeship opportunities with their degree coursework. UGC Chairman, Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar, highlighted the significance of this initiative, noting that it would equip students with both practical and theoretical knowledge, aligning their skills with industry requirements. He encouraged higher education institutions to adopt the program for the January-February 2025 academic session.

Sources said that the AEDP will apply to undergraduate programs offered by UGC-recognized higher educational institutions (HEIs) that meet certain accreditation and ranking standards. The program emphasizes a balanced approach to learning, combining classroom instruction with structured on-the-job training (OJT) to help students develop industry-relevant skills. Collaboration between HEIs and industries is strongly encouraged to align academic curricula with the needs of the workforce.

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"As outlined in the draft, apprenticeships will start from the second semester, comprising up to 50% of the degree duration, with at least one semester of continuous apprenticeship required. Credits will be awarded based on hours of training, with a full year of apprenticeship corresponding to 40 credits, as per the National Credit Framework. Evaluation of students will involve faculty mentors, industry professionals, and HEI representatives. Stipends may be offered depending on whether the AEDP is administered under the National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS) or the Apprentices Act, 1961. The draft guidelines also detail a tripartite agreement between the HEI, industry, and student, ensuring clear responsibilities for all parties. HEIs are tasked with monitoring the progress of AEDP participants and tracking their post-apprenticeship success to assess the program's impact. The guidelines will be open for public comments and suggestions before the program is finalised, inviting inputs," an official said.

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RAIN WRECK ALL OVER AGAIN

Yelahanka (East & West) reports highest rainfall; several localities remain inundated, houses submerged, roads turn into streams in city

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Despite the Indian Meteorological Department issuing an orange alert, Bengaluru experienced less rainfall on Wednesday compared to Tuesday. However, many residents faced ongoing challenges as several localities remained inundated, with houses still submerged in knee-deep water. Roads had transformed into streams, making navigation difficult for motorists and commuters.

228% excess rainfall

In Bengaluru, the average rainfall usually hovers around 5 mm, but Tuesday witnessed an astonishing 228% increase. Following Tuesday's heavy downpour, authorities have received 142 complaints regarding water flooding into homes, and 30 trees have fallen, with 22 sites already cleared. Additionally, tree branches have obstructed traffic at 32 locations, of which 27 have been addressed. Yelahanka, along with the West and East zones, has reported the highest rainfall, while areas like Mahadevapura, RR Nagar, Bommanahalli, and Dasarahalli experienced moderate precipitation.

Portions of the Kendriya Vihar apartments were notably affected. During his visit to the area, the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath observed that approximately three feet of water had accumulated and immediately directed officials to take swift action to address the situation. An excavator is being used to create a temporary drainage system alongside a nearby stormwater drain, which will redirect the water once completed. Fire engines are on-site to pump out the excess water, with two fire trucks already deployed.

A help desk was established on Tuesday evening to coordinate relief efforts, ensuring that essential supplies such as drinking water, milk, bread, and biscuits were available for those in need. Heavy rainfall on Wednesday prompted the deployment of boats and tractors to assist residents affected by flooding. Authorities mobilised two tractors to transport people from inundated areas, particularly at the Kendriya Vihar apartments in the Yelahanka locality. Regarding the Yelahanka Lake, which has two weirs—north and south—Nath recommended increasing the flow through the southern weir to alleviate the water flow towards the north and aid the Kendriya Vihar Apartments. For Ramanashree California Layout, Nath noted that a diversion channel is effectively preventing water from entering the area, successfully reducing the water flow.

More rain in store for city

The city is expected to continue experiencing moderate rainfall, with maximum and minimum temperatures likely around 23°C and 20°C, respectively. Dr N Puviarasan, a scientist from the IMD Bengaluru, noted that a depression over the southwest Bay of Bengal has moved west-northwest at a speed of 15 kmph over the past six hours. As of 8:30 AM IST on Wednesday, the depression was located near latitude 12.3° N and longitude 83.0° E, approximately 320 km east-southeast of Chennai, 350 km east-northeast of Puducherry, and 400 km southeast of Nellore, Andhra Pradesh. The system is projected to continue its west-northwest movement and is expected to cross the northern Tamil Nadu and southern Andhra Pradesh coasts, particularly between Puducherry and Nellore, close to Chennai, early on Thursday morning.

"In response to this weather system, isolated heavy rainfall is very likely over the districts of Udupi, Uttara Kannada, Shivamogga, Chikkamagaluru, Chitradurga, Davangere, and Tumkur. Additionally, heavy rain and thundershowers may occur in Belagavi, Dharwad, Haveri, Gadag, and Bagalkot districts. Light to moderate rain is anticipated at most places across the remaining districts of Coastal Karnataka and South Interior Karnataka, while light to moderate rain and thundershowers are likely at many locations in North Interior Karnataka," he said.

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> – Indian Meteorological Department

Political slugfest

The recent flooding in Bengaluru has sparked a heated political battle. Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy criticised the situation, stating, "The rain fury in Bengaluru has revealed a complete collapse of infrastructure! The so-called 'Silicon Valley of India' is now drowning in its own negligence. The IT corridor is inundated, roads are impassable, and the city is sinking. This isn't merely about rain; it's a failure of governance. Congress' weak policies have tarnished Brand Bengaluru. Potential investors are pulling back, questioning how a 'global tech hub' can't manage basic urban needs. Wake up! The city's future hangs in the balance."

In response, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar urged the opposition to stop damaging the state's reputation, asserting, "Can we control nature or halt cyclones? The government is fully equipped to handle the unexpected heavy rainfall in Bengaluru. Those in the opposition who fail to grasp this reality should refrain from undermining the state's image."

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Test match cancelled

Meanwhile, the first day of the test match between India and New Zealand at Bengaluru's M Chinnaswamy Stadium on Wednesday was halted due to heavy rain in the city. On day two, the toss is scheduled for 8:45 am, with the match set to begin at 9:15 am in Indian Standard Time. With rain predictions for a few more days, it needs to be seen whether the test match takes place or not.

Rain scenes on Wednesday in Bengaluru

Disaster response deployed

Disaster response force personnel have been deployed in Bengaluru following a heavy rain forecast. Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda said that around 60 members from the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and the Karnataka State Disaster Response Force (KSDRF) have been pressed into service. An additional 40 personnel are being placed on standby for any urgent needs, and the Fire and Emergency Services are also ready for immediate action.

Work from home

Many companies have announced work from home for this week. The Karnataka Innovation and Technology Society emphasised its commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of employees in the IT, BT, and private sectors, advising that commuting to workplaces may be hazardous due to potential disruptions in transportation caused by flooding, waterlogging, and traffic congestion. As a precaution, they are recommending that employees work from home.

Metro disrupted

Metro operations faced temporary disruptions on Wednesday, starting from 6:15 am, as trains were limited to running only between Indiranagar and Challaghatta, as well as Baiyappanahalli and Whitefield on the Purple Line. This interruption was caused by a tree obstructing services between SV Road and Indiranagar. However, the tree was removed, and the services were restored completely.

Trains cancelled

The South Western Railway cancelled several trains on Wednesday due to waterlogging on the up-fast line over Bridge number 114 between Basin Bridge Junction (Chennai) and Veysarpadi stations. Affected services include the Dr MGR Chennai Central–KSR Bengaluru route (Train Nos. 12657 and 12607), KSR Bengaluru–Dr MGR Chennai Central (Train No. 12608), and the Mysuru routes (Train Nos. 12609, 12610, 12007, 12008, and 16022). Additionally, the KSR Bengaluru–Dr MGR Chennai Central service (Train No. 12028) and the Chamarajanagar–Mysuru train (No. 06275) have also been cancelled, along with both the Mysuru–KSR Bengaluru and KSR Bengaluru–Mysuru Malgudi Express services (Train Nos. 20623 and 20624).

Water promise: No shortage for B'luru for next decade

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The Cauvery Fifth Stage was officially inaugurated on Wednesday, with officials expressing confidence that Bengaluru City will not face water shortages for the next decade. However, this assertion raises questions when we consider the city's historical water needs. It is intriguing that Bengaluru, once reliant on local lakes for its drinking water and other needs, is now planning to source water from the Sharavathi River, located over 300 km away, to meet demands of its expanding population.

A BWSSB official explained, "Historically, Bengaluru's water needs were met by local lakes such as Dharmambudi, Sampangi, Halasuru, and Sankey until 1896. In addition to these lakes, local wells and other water sources like Kalyani contributed to the city's water supply. However, as these sources became insufficient to meet the rising demand, the search for new water resources began. Hence, in 1896, the Arkavati River was identified as a potential water source for the city."

The official said that in the absence of a dedicated water source, the then Mysore Dewan K Seshadri Iyer took up the construction of Chamarajendra Water works at Hesaraghatta (18 km from Bangalore) across Arkavathi river. The tank was designed to supply water to a population of 2.5 lakh assuming the city's population to grow by 16 per cent per decade. However, the city's population outsmarted its planners as by 1918 as Bangalore's population had already reached 2.5 lakh and acute shortage was felt in 1925 and Hesaraghatta lake went dry. Then, Sir M Visvesvaraya committee zeroed in on Tippagondanahalli (28 km from Bangalore) which was commissioned in 1933. The first stage was designed to provide a daily supply of 27Mld of water for a city's population of 3 lakh. However, even this was not enough and hence modifications were made to cater to the population of one million in 1956. Later, the Government sanctioned impounding a full quantity of 3,038 Mcft in 1953-54 to supply from 15-16 MGD. As Chamaraja Sagar reservoir too was not sufficient, the Government had to form Cauvery."

The Cauvery water pumping station at Harohalli in Kanakapura taluk

The Karnataka government authorised the use of Cauvery River water to meet Bengaluru's needs, and since 1974, this resource has been gradually tapped. The fourth phase of the Cauvery project was completed, yet the newly incorporated 110 villages within the BBMP limits still faced challenges in water supply.

"To fulfill the city's water requirements, the Cauvery fifth Stage was initiated in 2014 with financial assistance from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). This ambitious project, recognized as the largest water supply project in the country, has a planned budget of 4,333 crore. JICA is providing 84% of the funding, while the remaining 16% will be borne by the state government and the BWSSB."

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Bedrooms tend to get cluttered because we end up putting all our personal belongings there. It goes without saying that having an organised bedroom promotes relaxation and enhances overall wellbeing. So, why not add ample smart storage solutions to your bedroom that maximise space and minimise the chaos! Swati Gupta, Founder, Bluedot Design has 10 bedroom storage ideas to help you achieve a clutter-free haven.

Under-Bed Storage: Utilise the space under your bed with hydraulic storage or drawers depending on the space in your room. With the latest mechanisms, both are easy to open. Opt for organisers/ create dividers within the space available to store seasonal clothing, extra bedding, or shoes easily.

Floating Shelves: Install floating shelves with less depth above your bed or around the perimeter of the room to display books, decorative items, or personal mementos. Floating shelves add storage without taking up valuable floor space and can enhance the room's aesthetic.

Built-In Wardrobe: Consider investing in a built-in wardrobe customised to fit your space and storage needs. With shelves, drawers, and hanging rods, a built-in wardrobe offers ample storage for clothing, shoes, and accessories while maintaining a streamlined look. You can place your shoe drawer at the bottom and integrate skirting in the drawer facia; this will give you extra height in the drawer.

Multi-Functional Furniture: Choose furniture pieces that serve dual purposes, such as a storage ottoman or a bed frame with built-in drawers, side tables with drawers or open shelves. These versatile pieces provide hidden storage while fulfilling their primary functions in the room.

Drawer Organisers: Use drawer organisers to keep smaller items like socks, jewellery, or undergarments neatly separated and easily accessible. These days we get organisers for shirts and pants as well. Dividers and compartments help prevent drawers from becoming a jumbled mess.

Hooks: Install hooks on the walls or behind doors to hang clothing, bags, or accessories. They can be put behind the wardrobe shutter as well to hang belts, ties, etc. This simple storage solution helps free up closet space and keeps frequently used items within reach.

Uniform Storage Baskets: Uniform baskets or organisers are excellent tools for keeping the bedroom clutter-free while adding a touch of cohesion to the space. Opt for baskets, containers or organisers in a consistent style, colour, or material to create a harmonious look. Use them to store items such as extra blankets, pillows, or accessories. Using clear plastic bins or containers will help you see what's inside without having to rummage through the contents. Labelling containers further enhances organisation and simplifies retrieval. Arrange these on shelves, in closets, or under the bed to maximise storage while maintaining a tidy and cohesive bedroom environment.

Bedside Caddy: Keep your bedside essentials organised and within reach with a bedside caddy or organiser. This can hold books, electronic devices, glasses, or remote controls, reducing clutter on nightstands or bedside tables.

Clean Work Space: If you fancy a work space in your bedroom, opt for a minimalist design with ample storage. Choose a desk with built-in drawers or shelves to keep essentials like pens, notebooks, and chargers neatly organised. Use cable management solutions to keep cords and cables tidy and out of sight. This can be next to the bed as well, and serve the dual purpose of side table and work space, reducing number of furniture pieces in the room.

Declutter Regularly: Lastly, maintain a clutter-free environment by decluttering regularly. Take time to assess your belongings and donate or discard items you no longer need or use. Adopting a minimalist approach to possessions can help keep your bedroom serene and peaceful.

—Kalwyna Rathod, Femina

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I, Mohammed Tabrej Ahmed R/a at #430, Akbari Masjid Road, 1st left Cross, Chamundinagar, RT Nagar Bangalore-560032 I have changed my name to Mohammed Tabrez Ahmed. Vide Affidavit dated on 15/10/2024 Sworn before Notary Leela Bangalore.

I, Pradhan, S/o Shrinivas Kamath, R/o #37,Gautham Housing Society, RBI Layout, JP Nagar 7th Phase, Bengaluru- 560078, have changed my name to Pradhan Shrinivas Kamath, vide affidavit dated 15/10/2024 before notary Mohammed Hussain. K, Bangalore.

I, Shrinivas Rao, S/o Narayan Kamath, R/o #37,Gautham Housing Society, RBI Layout, JP Nagar 7th Phase, Bengaluru- 560078, have changed my name to Shrinivas Kamath, vide affidavit dated 15/10/2024 before notary Mohammed Hussain. K, Bangalore.

I, SIMERAN KHANNA resident At NO 301, Team Enigima Apts 5/A, B Block, 4th Cross, Vinayaka Nagar, Vimanapura, Bangalore 560017, have changed my name to SIMERAN KAUR KHANNA vide affidavit dated 09.10.2024 Sworn before notary: H K Gopala Gowda, Bangalore

I, Zakiya W/o Amanulla Shariff R/a at #18, 1st Main Road, 1st cross, Doddanna Layout, Venkateshpuram Bangalore-560045. I have changed my name to Zakiya Banu. Vide Affidavit dated on 15/10/2024 Sworn before Notary Leela Bangalore

I, Raghunath R C R/a No.1, 2nd Cross, Agrahara Dasarahalli, Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru- 79. Have Changed My Minor Son's Name From HEMANTH R To HEMANTH RAGHUNATH. Vide Affidavit Date:16.10.2024. Sworn Before Notary: Devaraja.E.

I, Gaddam Hemavathi W/o Abhishek S R/o No.24 varanasi main road , Srinagar, TC Palya, Bengaluru 560036 have changed my name to Hemavathi Abhishek Affidavit Dt.16/10/2024 notary Harisha G, B'luru

I, Raviraj Poonja Perla R/o No 54/2,deccan Royal,8th Main, BEML Layout,Kamalanagar basaveshwaranagar, B'luru 560079,have changed my minor son's name from Sathvik Poonja to P.Sathvik Poonja

I, Shakthi Varun Kuppusamy S/o Suresh Kumar K R/o #175 1st Floor Sri Krishna Apartment Market Main Road Kamalanagar B'lore-560079 have changed my name to Shakthi Varun K S.

I, Sharila Raviraj Poonja R/o #54/2, Deccan Royan,8th Main Beml Layout,Kamalanagar, B'luru 560079 have changed my name to Sharila Raviraj Poonjaa for all purposes.

I Soumya Hegde resident of Flat 1, 138 A Parkwood Road, Bournemouth, UK have changed my name from Soumya to Soumya Hegde for all future purposes.

I, Sunil A A S/O, Appanna A M R/o No 16 1st A Main Road Maruthi Nagar Nagarabhavi Main Road Bengaluru 560072 have changed my name to Sunil Appanna for all purposes.

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I, Monish Manjunath, r/at No. 142, Vinayakanagar, Hagadur (V), Whitefield Post, Bangalore 560066 have changed my name from Monish M to Monish Manjunath vide affidavit dt. 05.10.2024 sworn before Notary A R Muneer Ahmed, Bangalore.

WE, SOMASHEKHARA KONNAPURA JAVARAYI GOWDA and LALITHAMBA KUMANJAIYANAPALYA NARASIMAIAH, residing at: 166, KONNAPURA VILLAGE, Halagur Post, Malavalli Taluk, Mandya Dist 571421, have changed our minor daughter's name from HITHAPRIYA PUNITH RAJ to HITHAPRIYA KONNAPURA SOMASHE KHARA, vide affidavit dated 15/10/2024 before Notary S.N.MADHU, Bangalore

I, Geeta Shrinivas Rao, W/o Shrinivas Kamath, R/o #37,Gautham Housing Society, RBI Layout, JP Nagar 7th Phase, Bengaluru- 560078, have changed my name to Geeta Shrinivas Kamath, vide affidavit dated 15/10/2024 before notary Mohammed Hussain. K, Bangalore.

I, M.NAVEEN Kumar, R/at No.3, 1st Cross, Krishnamma Garden, Anjinappa Block, Benson Town Post, Bangalore-560046, have changed my name from M.Naveen Kumar to M.Naveen Gowda vide affidavit dt. 14/10/2024 before Notary Sivakumara.M.N Bengaluru

I, SIMRA Sharieff, R/at No.100, United Mansion, 6th Main, ITI Layout, Near Divine Hospital, Bangalore-560046 have changed my name from Simra Sharieff to Simra Shariff, vide affidavit dated 09/10/2024 before Notary Sivakumara.M.N Bengaluru.

I Rajeev Kumar Krishnabhavanam Ramakrishna Pillai S/O, E S Ramakrishna Pillai R/o 1502, Confident Antlia Iii, Sh 35, Sarjapura, Bangalore have changed my name to Rajeev Ramakrishna Pillai.

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Dent in the road

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I am not happy with the quality of material used for the development of the culvert and footpaths on this road," said K Dhakshayani Kumar, a resident.

Coming down heavily on the authorities for not checking the quality of the material used for the construction, V Purushotham, a resident, said that he has been complaining to the authorities concerned about the broken slab. "The rumble strips installed on this road are damaged. I have seen motorists driving vehicles at a high speed on this road at night. The concrete road has developed potholes too. Authorities must fix this problem without any delay," said Purushotham.

Emphasising the need to maintain this crucial road, Vinod Jacob of Namma Bengaluru Foundation said the road is really dangerous for two-wheelers due to the broken concrete slabs. "We need better maintenance of roads to prevent fatalities.

The BBMP zonal commissioner should take this up with the ward engineer responsible for the area since he should be visiting his ward every day. Also the BBMP Fix my street, Sahaya

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App should be updated and working for citizens to alert officials to take up these emergencies," said Vinod.

BBMP Executive Engineer (Projects) told BM that she would attend to the problem.

So till that time, all motorists will do well to stay extra alert on this road.

6 arrested for stealing sheep, goats

Chikkajala police have arrested six individuals involved in a sheep and goat theft racket and recovered stolen livestock worth ₹12 lakh, along with ru ₹2.43 lakh in cash.

The accused, identified as Parashuram (28), Amaresh (22), Ramesh (21), Ulagappa (32), Venkatesh (19), and Iranna (27), were caught near the Chikkabanwara pipeline with a pickup truck carrying 15 stolen sheep and goats.

A resident of Dodda Jala village had reported the theft of 25 sheep and goats from his barn on the night of September 15. The thieves had stolen the livestock when the owner briefly left the barn after feeding the animals. Investigations revealed that the accused had been selling the stolen animals in Hospet, Koppal, and Ballari.

The police officials traced the stolen livestock, recovering 29 sheep and goats, along with a pickup vehicle used in the thefts. The police also recovered ₹2.44 lakh in cash from individuals who had purchased the stolen animals for resale. The accused have been charged, and the investigation is ongoing.

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Do we have a multi-level parking problem?

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shown in the video. "The footage of water cascading down a wall is from an under-construction tech park site adjacent to Manyata Tech Park. The building being constructed also has a multi-level underground parking system, which requires excavation of a large quantity of soil. Many such under-construction projects in the city are generating hundreds of tonnes of soil that is being used to level low-lying areas," said a city-based expert.

Approvals given

State-level green body, that is, the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) is responsible for implementing EIA and granting prior environmental clearance (EC) for such projects.

Recently, a commercial development project in Malleswaram was recommended to SEIAA for issuance of EC.

The building proposal involved three basement floors. The project proponent declared that a total of 4.08 lakh cubic metres of excavated earth will be generated and nearly 3 lakh cubic metres will be used for leveling and backfilling. The project got EC with a pointer from SEIAA that excavated soil will be utilised within the project site.

"The amount of soil excavated to create multi-level parking systems in residential apartments, tech parks, and other similar structures is humungous and practically impossible to utilise within project sites. Excavated earth falls under the construction and demolition (C&D) waste category and can be used to create stabilised earth blocks.

However, the market for such blocks is small. Ultimately, the excavated earth is used to fill up low-lying land in project surroundings," said a C&D waste management expert.

Irreparable damage

Groundwater experts underline another drawback of multi-level underground parking structures: irreparable damage to shallow aquifer networks in the area. They say that EC to such projects should be given only after conducting a thorough study of shallow aquifers in the given area.

"The deeper such structures go, there are higher chances of disturbance to shallow water aquifer systems. A luxury business hotel at Mehkri Circle is an apt example. The hotel went three floors underground leading to bore wells in Ganganagar and RT Nagar running dry. The multi-level underground structure destroyed the shallow aquifer network in the area leading to a water crisis.

An assessment of shallow aquifers should be mandatory before approving such projects," said V Ramprasad, founder, Friends of Lakes.

Response from Embassy REIT

After a series of videos of flooded streets inside Manyata Tech Park went viral, Embassy REIT, in an official response, has said that necessary measures have been taken to minimise flooding inside the tech park.

"We have developed a new culvert, a critical flood mitigation measure to manage the water flow. That apart, measures such as annual de-silting and raising the nallah embankment to manage flooding have been taken up.

External stormwater sumps are positioned strategically and high-capacity dewatering systems have been deployed to clear road floodwaters within 2 to 4 hours.

Additionally, internal storm water drainage systems have been activated to manage excess water flow, effectively minimising disruptions," said the official release.

Man dies after fall from his guesthouse building; suicide suspected

A 28-year-old resident of a paying guest (PG) accommodation in Krishna Reddy Layout, GS Palya, died after reportedly falling from the fourth floor of the building in the early hours of Wednesday.

A Vishnu S, who hails from Pampachaikarakadu in Tamil Nadu's Kakulam district, had been living in Room 204 of Shri Lakshmi Venkateshwara Gents PG. The reason behind the fall is yet to be confirmed, but authorities are investigating whether it was a result of personal issues, such as depression or a love affair.

Vishnu was rushed to St. John's Hospital, where medical personnel pronounced him dead on arrival. His parents have been informed of the tragedy. Police are waiting for a formal complaint to be lodged by the family before proceeding with further legal steps.

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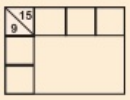
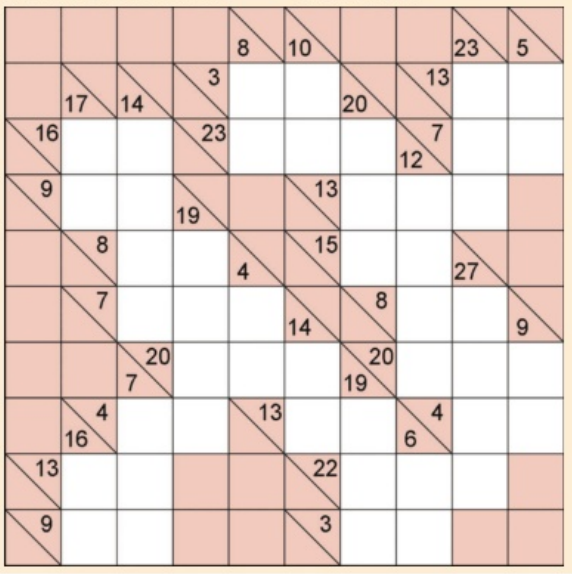
The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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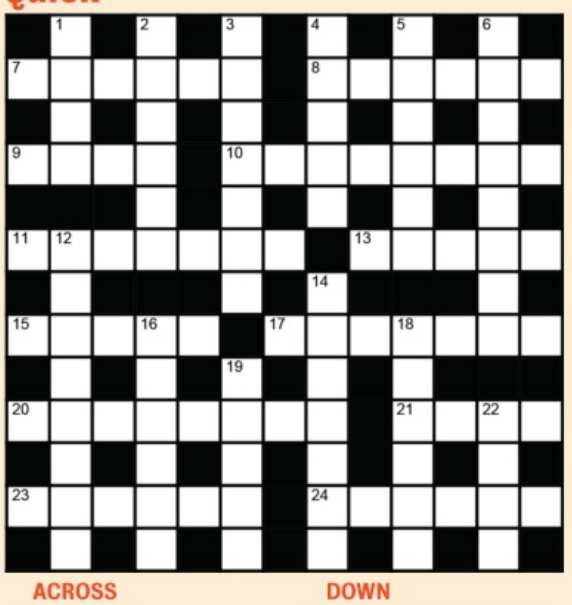


ACROSS

7 An angel (6)
8 Defer consideration of (6)
9 Functions (4)
10 Clothes closet (8)
11 Defeating, getting the better of (7)
13 Shock greatly (5)
15 Jewish priest (5)
17 Spear having three prongs (7)
20 Gentle ringing (8)
21 Small arachnid (4)
23 Federer's forte (6)
24 Rushes or hurries (6)

DOWN

1 Communists, colloquially speaking (4)
2 Hound with short legs (6)
3 Melting or softening? (7)
4 Moneylending (5)
5 Revive one's spirits; not despair? (4,2)
6 Adolph Hitler's paramour (3,5)
12 Inspects (8)
14 Turn "a bridge" around to get a popular road (7)
16 Two-piece swimsuit (6)
18 Patterned woven material (6)
19 Slightly drunk (5)
22 Long journey (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: I EQUALS U

RZ OSI NLKRML LVKL, ZSM-KVHL TLVMFRFX.

Linemaro

Your beauty is beyond words. And this is from someone with a large vocabulary

Mindchow

Never stop doing little things for others; sometimes they occupy the biggest part of their heart

Joke of the day

I like the Ten Commandments, but have a problem with the ninth. It should be: "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's ox, except in Scrabble"

Loop

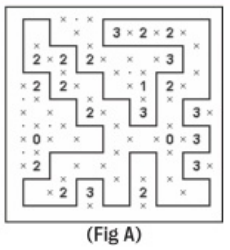
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

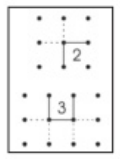
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

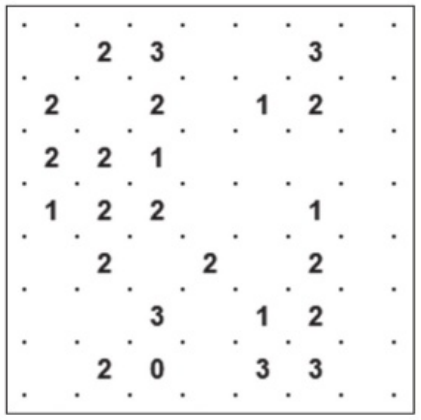
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



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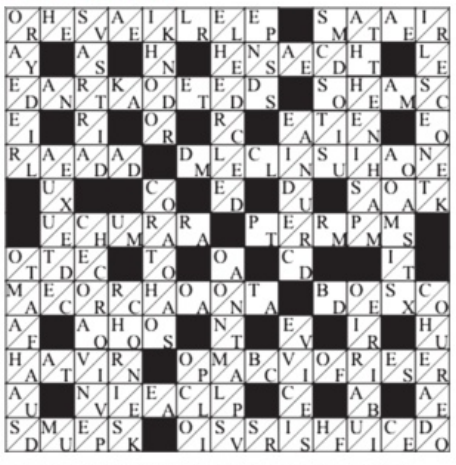
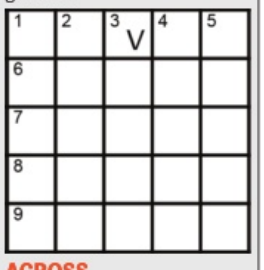


This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Yo Vas; 6 A tray;
7 Cilia; 8 F chin;
9 Fit GH

DOWN

1 Tiffs; 2 Ail I a;
3 Viny G; 4 Or cha;
5 Cathy

Mensapuzzle

Here's an alphametic that will give you all the math you need to know about gambling. If C = 5, T = 8, L= 9 and E = 6, fill in the remaining numbers to create a correct addition. Remember, zero cannot start a word.

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  DICE
+ ODDS
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  LOST
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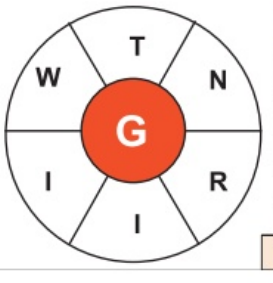
Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

07 Average; **08** Good; **10** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	7	3	5	6	9	1	4	
5								6
			2		1			
		2	9		6	5		
	8						9	
		4	1		5	7		
			8		4			
2								9
	5	6	7	9	2	3	1	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ = 13
6 7 9 9

Medium ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ = 22
2 6 9 9

Hard ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ = 24
2 3 7 2

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

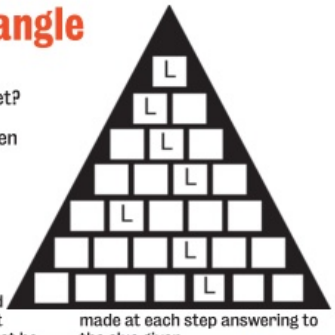
Differences: 1. Putter is different. 2. Man is thinner. 3. Cap is larger. 4. Tree has less leaves. 5. Mouth is different. 6. Tire is moved.

Riddler

Nitin was planning to take a trip around the world. He liked names that were similar to his, so he made a list of places he would like to visit. However, one of these places doesn't belong. Which one is it? Arrawarra, Australia Caraparac, Peru Daba Qabad, Somalia Krape Park, United States Nagubugan, Philippines Oktahatko, Florida Ilokano, Polynesia

Alpha triangle

1 XXV + XXV
2 French article
3 Nightmarish street?
4 Father or son
5 Scapegoat's burden
6 Sheer chaos
7 Wagered



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE »

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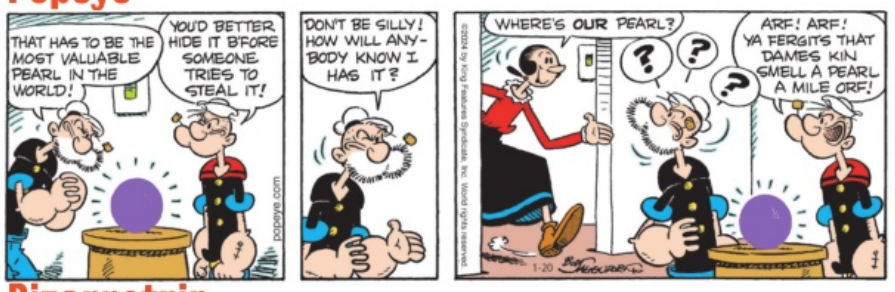
Popeye


THAT HAS TO BE THE MOST VALUABLE PEARL IN THE WORLD!
YOU'D BETTER HIDE IT B'FORE SOMEONE TRIES TO STEAL IT!
DON'T BE SILLY! HOW WILL ANY-BODY KNOW I HAS IT?
WHERE'S OUR PEARL?
ARF! ARF! YA FERGITS THAT DAMES KIN SMELL A PEARL A MILE ORF!
popeye.com

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

LOOK, DOLORES IS WEARING ALL HER JEWELRY WITH HER SWIMSUIT
THAT'S NOT SO UNUSUAL
IT'S NOT?
ALL HUSSIES DO IT
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Hart of the city

HEY! MY BISCUITS DIDN'T RISE AT ALL!
DID YOU USE BAKING POWDER OR BAKING SODA?
BAKING SODA!
THOSE ARE TWO DIFFERENT INGREDIENTS THAT DO DIFFERENT THINGS.
I THOUGHT IT WAS THE SAME WITH DIFFERENT NAMES. LIKE POP AND SODA. OR WATER ICE AND ITALIAN ICE!
BAKING WOULD BE A LOT EASIER IF THAT WERE THE CASE.
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Crankshaft

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you are blessed by the moon; things are now under control. Your boss may praise your performance, possibly leading to new responsibilities and a promotion at work. Money that was stuck may be recovered now; this may boost your savings. Good news is expected regarding legal matters. Issues with siblings will be resolved.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
You may receive good news related to a job today. You might plan for higher studies to boost your career and may also attend motivational events. Singles may hear good news about marriage, and couples could get positive news regarding childbirth.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today is not a good day for you. You may consider moving or changing location, but it's advised to delay such decisions. You are also advised to avoid business investments for now. By the evening, things may be under control, and advice from an elder may help manage any chaotic situation.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today your patience will be strong. Meditation could help increase concentration, speeding up your projects at work. Your subordinates will cooperate with you, helping you finish tasks ahead of time. Short work-related trips are likely, and you may meet an influential person who could assist in growing your business.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you may spend money on artistic or decorative items to renovate your home; this may end up boosting your social status. New family business plans might be put into action, yielding future gains. Social or family gatherings are likely to keep you busy.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today is a good day for your health and energy. You'll enjoy work, but the challenge lies in avoiding bluntness. Be mindful to avoid arguments over trivial matters to prevent family disputes. Job seekers may find a suitable position. Lovebirds are advised to steer clear of unnecessary conflicts.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today is not a good day for you; you are not blessed by the moon. You may feel unhappy and impatient, making it hard to focus or fulfill your desires. You might also want to detach from your given responsibilities and struggle to complete tasks at hand.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, the moon's blessings will ease work-related pressure. Your earnings will turn into profits, and long-term investments are favorable. An overseas work order may bring financial benefits soon. You may meet your soulmate. Students might receive positive academic news.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, positive energy from the moon will help you excel at work. You'll easily implement business plans with support from subordinates. Both intellectual and financial investments may start paying off now, boosting your confidence. Your wisdom will guide you to gain more benefits.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you are blessed by the moon; your spiritual strength will bring you happiness. Your mindset will be positive. You may also feel inclined toward spirituality and plan to visit religious places or take an interest in occult sciences. However, it's advised to keep your spiritual views private to avoid misunderstandings or conspiracies.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you may lack patience; you may feel low on energy. You might be drawn to the occult in search of peace. It's essential to follow your intuition before making important decisions. Meditation or chanting mantras could deepen your knowledge and improve focus.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
You are blessed by the moon today; it will strengthen your inner resolve. New business or work opportunities may arise, offering future gains. Couples may receive good news about childbirth. Lovebirds are advised to be clear in their communication to maintain harmony in the relationship.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M (3 a/a −3+1) so ((4x3+4)/4) + ((3x3+3)/3)
= 48+48/12
= 16/4+12/3
= 96/12 = 8

BULL'S EYE
glrt, grln, grlt, rlng, trlng, twlg, wlng, wlrng, wrlng, WRITING

QUOTE UNCODE
If you desire ease, forsake learning.

FAST FIVE

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T	A	Y	R	A
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A	N	I	C	H
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STRIKE OUT

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MENSA PUZZLE

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  1 7 7 2
  - - - -
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RIDDLER
Iokano, Polynesia. The rest of the places are palindromes, like his name.

SUDOKU

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4	5	6	7	9	2	3	1	8

ALPHA TRIANGLE
L, L8, Elm, Male, Blame, Bedlam, Gambled.

GO FIGURE
Easy
6 + 7 + 9 − 9 = 13
Medium
9 − 2 + 9 + 6 = 22
Hard
7 + 3 + 2 x 2 = 24

LOOP

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The real deal

There are some actor couples in Sandalwood who are doing well in real as well as reel life. Now, Arnav Vinyaas and Rani Warad have joined the list. They are the lead pair in the upcoming movie Santosha Sangeetha, directed by Sidhu S.

The team of Santosha Sangeetha released the movie's trailer at Renukamba Preview Theater recently. Sri Chandrasekhara Shivaradhya Swamiji unveiled the trailer and appreciated the director.

"I am happy to play the lead in the movie. My wife Rani Warad is paired opposite me. I consider 2024 as a lucky year for my wife. Her two movies, including Santosha Sangeetha, are scheduled for release shortly. She is pregnant and is expected to deliver twins," said Arnav Vinyaas.

Vinyaas was seen in the movies Hombanna and Premam. "I came into contact with director Sidhu during the lockdown. He told me that he wanted to make a movie. Later I had to leave for Hyderabad for a few months. I again met him after returning to Bengaluru and the

movie went on floors and now it is ready for release," he said.

Sidhu said that he preferred Arnav Vinyaas and Rani Warad as they are flexible for reshooting and corrections.

The movie also features Doddanna, Avinash, Laya Kokila, Kavana, Amith, Lokesh Surya, Madenuru Manu, Haneesh, and Nakshatra. "I play a secretary in the movie," said Nakshatra.

With Sudeep's support

The team of Ellige Payana Yaavudo Daari is excited about the support from Namma Kichcha Sudeep who graced the movie's trailer launch at a mall in Yelahanka on Monday.

On the occasion, Sudeep recalled the contribution of actor-cum-director late Kashinath to the Kannada film industry. Kashinath's son Abhimanyu plays the lead in Ellige Payana Yaavudo Daari.

"Sandalwood never forgets the contribution and good work done by late Kashinath. Whatever support we are extending to Abhimanyu is minimal. I have sung a song from this movie. I am impressed with the quality of the trailer. I appreciate Abhimanyu for his hard work," said Sudeep.

The movie is scheduled for release on October 25. Thanking Sudeep for unveiling the movie's trailer, Abhimanyu said he was very happy with the quality of the movie. "I thank the director for following the story religiously during the shooting," he said.

The movie is bankrolled by Jattin Patel under the Sudarshan Arts and III Ventures banners. It has an ensemble of cast, including Spoorthi Udimane, Vijayashree Kalaburgi, Bala Rajawadi and others.

AT HOME

So what is behind PC's India visit? Find out

G 'Desi Girl' Priyanka Chopra is back in India. She was spotted at the Mumbai airport, as she made an effortlessly stylish arrival in her homeland. When the news of her arrival came out, fans started speculating the reason behind her visit. While few believe she is here for her next Bollywood project, some think she is in India to promote her upcoming production 'Paani,' and a few others believe the actress has flown down for her brother's wedding. However, none of these reasons is true. Though Priyanka Chopra Jonas is in India for business, it is not related to a movie.

According to Hindustan Times, a source close to the actor has confirmed, "There has been a lot of buzz around the reason behind Priyanka's travel to India. But she is not coming to India for any film project, or to announce her next Bollywood project, which is being assumed by many. In fact, there is no filmy connection to her visit this time."

The insider has mentioned that Priyanka has come down for a business event, which will be held in Mumbai on October 18, 2024.

Priyanka's visit to India always excites her fans. When spotted at the airport, she was warmly greeted by the paparazzi, and she reciprocated their love with a 'namaste.' She also impressed everyone with her chic and casual style. The comfortable sweatshirt and pajamas gave perfect travel fashion goals. And the touch of her million dollar smile was the icing on the cake.

Now coming to Priyanka's cinematic project, the shoot of the second season of 'Citadel,' has kept the actress occupied. Then there is Frank E. Flowers' 'The Bluff,' a 19th-century Caribbean-set drama that follows the compelling story of a former female pirate, which Priyanka will be headlining. Last but not least, PeeCee also has 'Heads of State,' in the pipeline. It is an action-packed thriller.

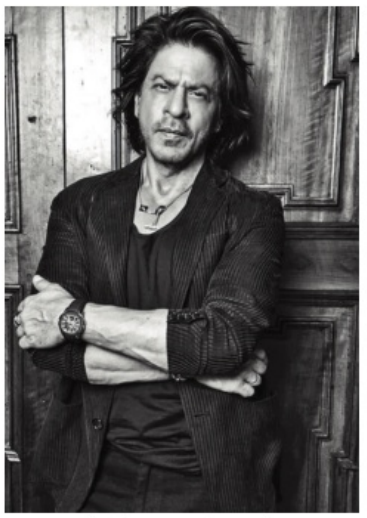
—ETimes

A role for SRK

After giving back-to-back hits in 2023 with 'Pathaan', 'Jawan' and Dunki', Shah Rukh Khan promises to surprise his fans with his choices of projects going forward too. While he is currently working on Sujoy Ghosh's 'King', he recently spoke about the kind of roles he would love to play.

On the Locarno Meets podcast, Shah Rukh Khan discussed his approach to acting, stating that his role is to make the audience believe in the character rather than personally believing in it himself. He emphasized that after performing an emotional scene, he doesn't dwell on it for days; instead, he focuses on whether he successfully conveyed the emotion and made the audience connect to it.

He expressed his desire to take on various roles and characters, emphasizing that he doesn't feel confined to stereotypes. He prefers to portray heroes in a larger-than-life



manner but is eager to explore new avenues in his acting. Recently, he mentioned wanting to revisit playing a villain, believing he has a fresh perspective on the role.

After experimenting with action sequences last year, he now aspires to portray an assassin. Each day brings him new ideas for the characters he wants to embody.

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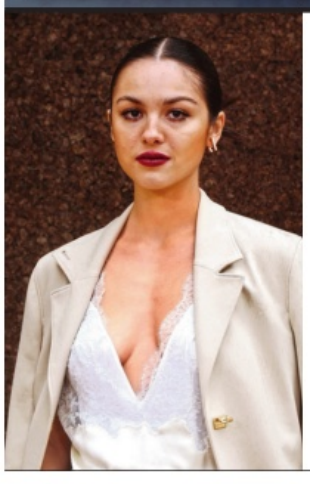

Olivia bounces back after fall

Some days you own the stage, some days it's a miss. It was not one of the best days for actress-singer Olivia Rodrigo on stage as she suffered an injury while performing.

The actress-singer had a terrifying fall through a huge hole in the stage floor in her latest show, reports 'Mirror UK'.

A video has emerged showing the singer falling through the floor while she was performing in Melbourne. As per 'Mirror UK', she was in the middle of singing in front of around 14,000 fans at Melbourne's Rod Laver Arena which was her fourth and final concert in the city.

Fans were left shocked during the moment but Olivia confirmed that she was fine following the incident. The video shows the singer shouting: "Oh, my god! That was fun. I'm okay." Olivia posted the fall on her TikTok account with the hashtag 'subtle foreshadowing' which is currently a viral trend that highlights embarrassing falls. Fans loved that the star could poke fun at herself.

—IANS